

[Farm to School programs](#) are a great way to ensure our children get quality food at school while supporting local farmers. Some New Jersey communities are working to connect their school lunch rooms with fresh, local produce. To build on these initiatives, I am working to establish a competitive grant program to ensure that more schools and local food providers can benefit. Click [here](#) for more information about legislation I introduced last week and [here](#) for video of me talking with a school nutrition expert at a hearing in the House Committee on Education and Labor.

Scho**ol Visits**

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On Tuesday I visited Solomon Schechter Day School in East Brunswick to present the students and faculty with an award designating its status as a 2009 Blue Ribbon School. (Photos can be viewed

[here](#)

). The U.S. Department of Education's Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private schools that are academically superior. Schools like Solomon Schechter serve as models for other schools throughout the nation.

Every year I visit many schools across Central New Jersey, from pre-school to college. Meeting with young people is a great part of my job as a representative and I look forward to classroom visits this year. If you would like me to visit your school – or your child's school – please contact me through my aide Dana Lanzaro at 1-87-RUSH-HOLT or dana.lanzaro@mail.house.gov. Additionally, if your school is considering a student to trip to Washington DC, please let me know by emailing Katy Rose Glickman at katyrose.glickman@mail.house.gov

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Census Forms on the Way

Beginning today, Census forms begin arriving in mailboxes. It is critical that you complete the [10-question form](#)

to help ensure that New Jersey communities receive our fair share of federal resources. Please be aware of

[potential scams related to the Census](#)

– the real Census mailing does not ask for donations, your full Social Security number, or passwords or information related to banking accounts.

Tuesday Night's Town Hall

If you were unable to participate in Tuesday night's town hall – which included a discussion on a range of issues, including the economy and jobs, health insurance reform, education, and Social Security – you can listen to a recording [here](#) .